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## K-State looks for 2nd straight win in "Farmageddon"



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K-State junior quarterback Jake Waters stiff arms West Virginia junior cornerback Travis Bell at Bill Snyder Family Stadium on Oct. 26 in the Wildcats' first conference win of the season.

**Sean Frye**  
sports editor

Fresh off a dominating 35-12 win over the West Virginia Mountaineers, the K-State Wildcats' first win in over 40 days, the Wildcats renew their "Farmageddon" rivalry with the Iowa State Cyclones on Saturday afternoon at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

Junior quarterback Jake Waters, who had seen his playing time dwindle in previous weeks in comparison to sophomore quarterback Daniel Sams, had his best game of the year against the Mountaineers. He tossed three touchdown passes — two to junior wide receiver Tyler Lockett and one to senior wide receiver Tramaine Thompson — and completed 10-of-13 passes for 198 yards en route to the win.

Waters also had 55 yards rushing, just 31 shy of senior running back John Hubert, who led the game in rushing.

"I was pleased with the way Jake [Waters] and John [Hubert] ran the ball today," K-State head coach Bill Snyder said after the game. "Jake needed to do that, and he has done that before. It is beneficial because it is important to us. It is important to their teammates and the football team that both of them can do both. When you look at their stats, both of them are positive in the run game."

Probably the most notable difference offensively was that the Wildcats had Lockett and Thompson back after the receiving duo had missed the previous two games. Waters said that having those guys back was a huge boost to the offense.

"It was big," Waters said. "When ever you can have two guys like that, it is big for your offense. You want to get them the ball, and that definitely opened up the run for Hubert."

Now the Wildcats are preparing to face off against a 1-6 Cyclones team. K-State and Iowa State have historically played very tough, close games despite whatever either team's record or ranking was. The last five matchups have been decided by a combined 29 points, and it's been seven years since a game was won by double digits.

"Our ballgames have been close for the last four years, and we have been fortunate to win each one, but we won by one, by six and by seven twice," Snyder said. "It has always been a one-score ballgame. If they get you on your heels, you can be in trouble."

Snyder went as far as to say in his

weekly press conference on Tuesday that he thinks Iowa State head coach Paul Rhoads is better at his job than he is.

"I do not know how much Paul [Rhoads] and I are alike," Snyder said. "I think he is a better football coach than I am. He is an awful good person that works extremely hard. I think the similarities are somewhat like that. Their players are accustomed to a demanding program. They work extremely hard and they play hard."

The Cyclones' best weapon this year has been redshirt sophomore quarterback Sam B. Richardson, who has been a breath of fresh air for a program that has struggled to find a consistent signal-caller. Richardson has racked up 1,350 passing yards and 11 touchdowns this year and has a 124.4 rating.

Snyder believes that the 1-6 record isn't indicative of how good Iowa State, a team that's lost four of its six games by single digits, actually is.

"They have had some struggles but had the opportunities to win those ballgames, too. They could be looking at a far better record than what they have now," Snyder said.

Iowa State is statistically in the bottom half of nearly every category in college football. And with just one win this year, it'd be easy to think that the Wildcats will have a simple win. But Snyder has too much respect for Rhoads and company to simply breeze through this week.

"Good programs eliminate mistakes and Iowa State is an awful good program. It will not be the easy task that the numbers might indicate," Snyder said.

## Analyzing Iowa State: Injuries, run defense could spell trouble for Cyclones

**John Zetmeir**  
assistant sports editor

Injuries are just one of those things that teams are forced to deal with. For some teams, injuries play a bigger role. This season, the injury bug bit the Iowa State Cyclones pretty hard as they have struggled to keep starters on the field.

One of those injured players is redshirt freshman linebacker Luke Knott, who currently ranks third on the team in tackles. The Cyclones defense has struggled so far this season, especially in their last three games. Iowa State has allowed an average of 57 points per game in the previous three games entering Saturday's match up with K-State. Not having Knott on Saturday could make it that much worse for the Cyclones.

The emergence of junior running back Aaron Wimberly early on in the season looked like it would prove to be a positive for the Cyclones struggling offense. In their Big



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Iowa State's defense, shown here making a tackle against Northern Iowa earlier this year, has struggled, particularly against the run. K-State quarterbacks Jake Waters and Daniel Sams and running back John Hubert will look to capitalize on the ground to get past the 1-6 Cyclones.

12 opener against Texas, Wimberly carried the ball 29 times, racking up 117 yards and one touchdown. Since that game, Wimberly has not been able to find that same level of success, and after sitting out against Oklahoma State, Wimberly's status is unknown for Saturday's match up. Last season, Wimberly was the primary running back at Iowa Western Community College, where he and K-State quarterback Jake Waters won a national championship.

Other players who could be out for the Cyclones are sophomore quarterback Sam Richardson and junior return man Jarvis West. Richardson has been the go to guy for the Cyclones this season as he's thrown for 1350 yards and 11 touchdowns so far this season.

Not only is Richardson the team's leading passer, but he also ranks second on the team in rushing yards. West has a kick return for a touchdown.

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## With a 20-win streak, OSU deserves No. 1 ranking



Sean Frye

Since Urban Meyer took over as head coach of the Ohio State Buckeyes, he has yet to lose a game. Ohio State has won 20 straight games and had it not been for sanctions levied by the NCAA last year, the Buckeyes would've likely won the Big Ten and appeared in the national title game.

Now, the Buckeyes are 8-0 and considering they own the nation's longest winning streak, they should be crowned as the top team in the country in the rankings.

Ohio State is one of the most balanced teams in the country, ranking in the top 20 in rushing yards, points scored and points allowed according to ESPN. In a span of two weeks earlier this season, they also upended a pair of ranked teams by a combined 17 points.

Just last week, the Buckeyes really came together and proved that they are the most dangerous team in college football. Ohio State went into Penn State and obliterated the Nittany Lions 63-14. The 49-point loss was Penn State's worst loss in 114 years.

Keep in mind, this is the same Penn State Nittany Lions team that upended Michigan in overtime earlier this season, and the Wolverines are still ranked.

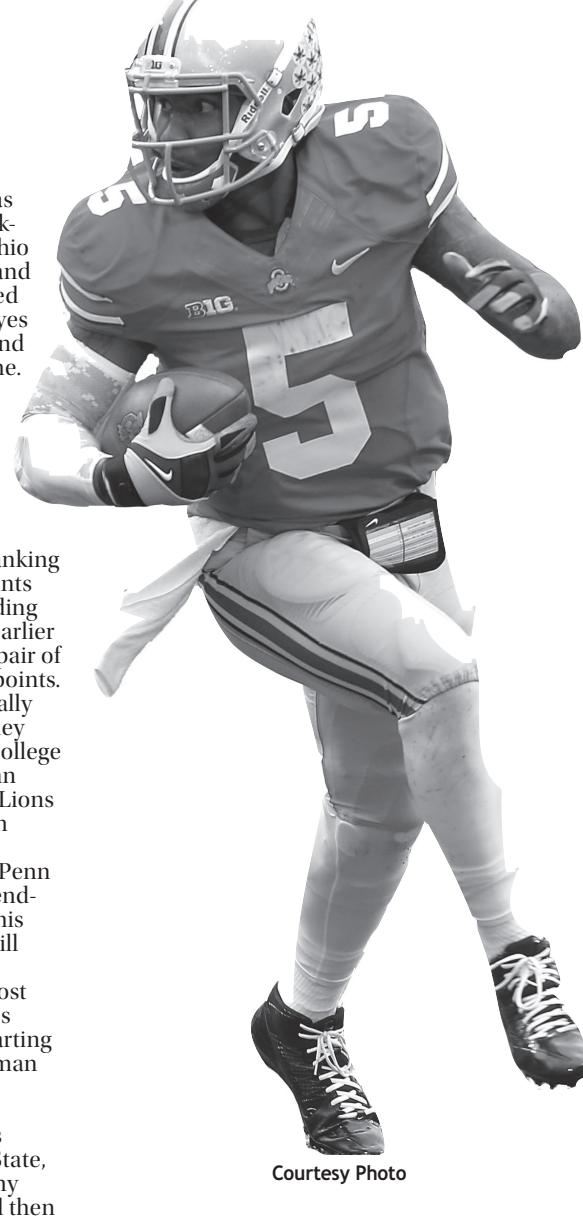
Also keep in mind that for almost three of the Buckeyes' eight games this season, they were without starting quarterback and preseason Heisman Trophy candidate junior Braxton Miller.

Miller was injured in his team's Week 2 game against San Diego State, allowing senior quarterback Kenny Guiton to finish off that game and then start the next two games. Although the Buckeyes didn't face any stiff competition, Guiton played well enough for Ohio State to earn victories, which is never easy for a backup quarterback and proves how deep this Buckeyes roster is.

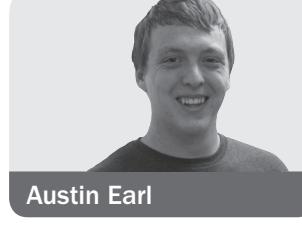
Ultimately, none of the other top three teams — Alabama, Florida State and Oregon — beat up on a team like Ohio State did to Penn State last week. Yes, Florida State did demolish Clemson. But Clemson was overrated, and it showed throughout the year with close outings against teams like Boston College and Maryland.

Ohio State is starting to really find its groove and should breeze through the rest of the season and finish a perfect 12-0 yet again. With a Big Ten title, the Buckeyes would be 13-0 and would be winners of 25 straight games. How do you not put the winner of 25 straight games into the national title game?

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## Alabama the best team in the NCAA



Austin Earl

There is an old saying that "you have to beat the best to be the best." That one statement tells you simply why the undefeated Alabama Crimson Tide deserve their No. 1 ranking.

Alabama's recent history proves that they are currently a dynasty. Many of the players on their roster already have multiple national championship rings.

13 starters from last year's national championship team returned this year, and they weren't exactly role players.

In fact, four of them were named on the watch list for the Walter Camp Award (an award given to the college player of the year) before the season.

The Tide have beaten everyone in their path this season. Even after allowing 42 points to Texas A&M, the Alabama defense has only given up an average of 9.8 points per game, good for first in the NCAA. This stingy defense is also fifth in the NCAA for least amount of yards allowed per game.

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Alabama's offense does a great job of protecting the ball. They have only turned the ball over seven times so far this year. They are also clutch, converting on 50 percent of their third down attempts.

This offense may not have the flash that Oregon or Baylor has, but they can consistently get the job done with senior quarterback A.J. McCarron. McCarron is excellent at keeping this offense on the field, and he's helped by a tremendous sophomore running back T.J. Yeldon.

Yeldon averages 6.3 yards per carry and has scored 10 touchdowns this year.

Although Alabama doesn't have the best resume yet, they play in the SEC. The SEC is the nation's top conference, and the Tide are rolling through it undefeated. They haven't been challenged by anyone except for Texas A&M, who still has sophomore quarterback Johnny Manziel. The Tide have two games left against top 15 teams before they presumably play in the SEC championship game.

If the Tide can win all three of those huge games, there's no question they should be No. 1. Many speculate that the SEC is down this year, and that very well could be true. But you have give the benefit of the doubt to the conference. After all, an SEC member has won the national championship in each of the last seven years.

It's not that other undefeated teams aren't qualified to be No. 1, it's that the defending repeat national champion is yet to lose a game. Florida State and Oregon are elite. Baylor, Miami, and Ohio State are very good. There's no denying that. But if you want to be the best, beat the best.

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## By the numbers

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Average points per game Iowa State has allowed in its first seven games

Iowa State's defense has struggled mightily this year. The Cyclones are giving up 442.1 yards per game, including an average of 5.7 yards per snap. They have yet to hold an oppo-

nent to under 20 points, while three times this year have allowed opponents to score over 40 points against them, including a 71-7 thrashing against Baylor in Waco, Texas.

**101**

Iowa State's national rank in total offense

Iowa State has had its difficulties moving the ball downfield consistently this season. While the Cy-

clones have scored 20-plus points in six of their seven contests, they're averaging just 135 rushing yards and 216 passing yards per game. The team doesn't have a running back over 400 yards on the season, and their top-two options at the position have combined for just two touchdowns so far.

**15**

The total number of turnovers between K-State's quarterbacks,

sophomore Daniel Sams and junior Jake Waters

Bill Snyder-led teams have been notorious over the years for limiting mistakes, but this year has been somewhat of a different story. Penalties aside, Sams and Waters have accounted for 15 total turnovers through the first seven games. Sams has thrown four interceptions and has lost two fumbles, while Waters has given up five interceptions and lost four fumbles. To put that into perspective, the Wildcats handed over the ball to the opposition just 12 times throughout all of last season.

**29**

The total margin that K-State has won by in its last five games against Iowa State

Despite being 17-point Vegas favorites over Iowa State this year, the Wildcats have won their last five against Iowa State by just 8, 1, 7, 7, and 6 points. Notably, K-State has not beaten Iowa State by double-digits at home since 2002 (58-7).

# POWERCAT PROFILE

JACK CANTELE



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K-State sophomore kicker Jack Cantele, younger brother of former K-State kicker Anthony Cantele, kicks the ball off against Oklahoma State earlier this season. Cantele, a high school golfer, has filled his brother's shoes well thus far, converting 5 of his 6 field goal attempts with a long of 42 yards.

Spencer Low  
staff writer

It may not be a new sight to see the name "Cantele" on the back of a jersey trotting out to attempt a field goal on Saturdays at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. But if you think that the Wildcats are sending out the same Cantele as they have been the last few years, then you don't know Jack.

After a successful high school golf career, Jack Cantele decided to follow in his brother Anthony's footsteps and kick at K-State in college.

"Growing up, until about my sophomore or junior year of high school, I thought I was going to play golf in college, I never really thought seriously about football," said the sophomore. "It wasn't really until

Anthony transferred from Missouri State to Kansas State and switched sports from soccer to football that I really took an interest in that."

Jack had good reason to think about playing golf over football. He earned all-state accolades his junior and senior seasons while at Kapaun Mt. Carmel in Wichita, and held the second-lowest round in Kansas high school history with a 5-under par 67 his junior year, in 2010.

However, the more he played golf in high school, the more burnt out on the sport he became, and he began to think about the prospects of playing football in college. He was an all-state selection in football his senior season and tallied 15 field goals and over 50 touchbacks in his three years of high

school football.

"I started to think about and work on it, getting help from other people, including Anthony," he said about kicking. "As I got better and had a good senior season I made up my mind to K-State, which was really the only school I wanted to come to."

The turning point, though, was when Cantele saw how much his brother loved K-State and constantly heard him rave about the team and playing in front of such a great crowd. Growing up watching college football on Saturdays, Cantele never thought he would be a part of it all, but here he is on the big stage.

"When you get the chance it seems a little bit silly not to take that chance," he said about playing at K-State.

This season, his first as a starter, Cantele is 5-6 in field goals with a long of 42 yards, and 25-26 in PAT's, placing him second on the team with 40 points. He has also served as the team's primary kickoff specialist, and has eight touchbacks so far in 2013. With two and a half seasons ahead of him, Cantele

has plenty of time to carve out a solid body of work and maybe even overtake his brother in field goals and points.

Football is not the only thing that takes up Cantele's time though. He is majoring in civil engineering, another monstrous time commitment on top of the full-time job that is football.

"Honestly, it's not as bad as I thought it'd be," said Cantele of balancing football with such a time consuming major. "You

hear a lot of horror stories about how engineering is so tough and how football and school is tough. It's only as tough as you make it."

Cantele credits the culture at K-State for helping him juggle everything and do his best in every facet of life.

"Just the fact that K-State football instills a hard work in you, it makes you think no other way," said Cantele.

The success that Cantele has had already shows a bright future for the kicker, especially since he only started focusing on football less than five years ago. But if you find yourself wondering about where his golf game is, it isn't quite what it used to be.

"Right now?" he said about where his golf game stands. "I don't know what I could play

to right now, I haven't played in months. Back in high school I was a plus handicap...I would shoot under par pretty frequently, right around par most of the time. But right now, if I could go out to Colbert Hills and break 80 I'd be happy, that's probably a 50/50 shot for me right now."

After months of not playing, Cantele could probably still outshoot most of the people reading this, but it is a good thing for K-State football that he has focused on kicking for the last few years.

So whether you see him shooting baskets at the Rec or shooting golf balls towards the green at Colbert Hills, know that Cantele is just scratching the surface of his potential in his time at K-State, and the best is yet to come.

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# Keys to the Game: Turnovers will be crucial factor

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## K-State Wildcats Get the run game going early and often

It's no secret that Iowa State has struggled to stop the run this season. The Cyclones are currently ranked 110th in the nation in rushing defense, giving up a staggering 219.3 yards per game. Their defense is coming off a disappointing performance against Oklahoma State where they gave up 342 rushing yards en route to a 58-27 blowout, and they're anticipating that K-State will attempt to do much of the same Saturday.

"K-State likes to run the ball," senior linebacker Jeremiah George said to the Register's Randy Peterson. "They're probably going to watch this [Oklahoma State] film and get very excited about playing Iowa State. We're going to have to prepare to stop the run."

Despite K-State not being able to generate much of a run game late in the contest against West Virginia, this Iowa State squad has shown that they cannot stop teams from running the ball effectively.

With a potent rushing attack led by senior running back John Hubert, sophomore quarterback Daniel Sams, and junior quarterback Jake Waters, K-State should look to set the tone early offensively, starting on the offensive line with run blocking. Iowa State is struggling to find confidence and is dealing with a host of injuries. By reinforcing Iowa's weakness, the Wildcats should have no trouble meeting the 5.2 yards per rush average that the Cyclones are giving up.

## Keep Iowa State out of the red zone

Iowa State hasn't had much success on offense this year through seven games; however, when they get to the red zone, this Cyclones squad knows how to score.

They're currently sixth in the nation in red zone offense, scoring 20 times in 21 attempts, including 16 touchdowns. More so, Iowa State has shown that they're a dual threat in these situations, throwing for 9 touchdowns and rushing for 7 more. To put that in perspective, K-State has scored 16 touchdowns out of 24 red zone attempts, and just two have come through the air.

In a game that may become monotonous defensively for the Wildcats, K-State must shut down Iowa State drives early on, especially on key third-down situations — something K-State has done well the past two weeks.

Keep the Cyclones out of the red zone, force them to punt, and win the field position battle. It's a formula that's given this Bill Snyder squad success over the years and will look to do the same this Saturday.

## Iowa State Cyclones

### Slow the pace of the game down

K-State is entering Saturday's matchup a 17-point Vegas favorite, arguably has the edge in playmakers, and will be playing in front of a sold-out Bill Snyder Family Stadium. For head coach Paul Rhoads, that's not exactly the scenario you want for your 1-6 football team. So what do you do with all that? Dictate the tempo of the game.

Iowa State will need to edge out the Wildcats in time of

possession and aim for some lengthy 12-13 play drives that wear out the defense and deflate the home crowd. Expect to see a fairly balanced approach to the Cyclones offense, perhaps taking a few shots downfield or even a trick play or two to build some momentum early on.

Iowa State will also likely look to "dink and dunk" their way down the field in the passing attack, something that K-State has struggled to stop during the year.

If redshirt sophomore quarterback Sam B. Richardson is unable to go, the pace of the game will be of even more importance for this Iowa State group, as he's proven to be the only arm on the team that's capable of throwing downfield for success.

## Generate turnovers

Despite being 115th in the nation in turnover margin at minus eight, Paul Rhoads believes that this Snyder-led Wildcats squad is no different than years past in being notorious for executing and limiting mistakes.

"Anytime you're facing Kansas State and a Bill Snyder coached football team, you better be extremely well prepared yourself," Rhoads told reporters at the Iowa State weekly press conference. "That is still the case as we go through the 2013 season."

The fact of the matter, though, is that this Wildcats squad hasn't been as polished as they have in years past, especially in the case of turnovers. K-State has had 17 turnovers in seven games — 15 of those by Sams and Waters alone.

If Iowa State aims to steal their first victory in Manhattan since 2004, they'll have to generate turnovers. This will be even more of an emphasis as K-State tries to solidify their run game throughout the afternoon.



K-State sophomore quarterback Daniel Sams attempts to maneuver around the West Virginia defense at Bill Snyder Family Stadium on October 26.

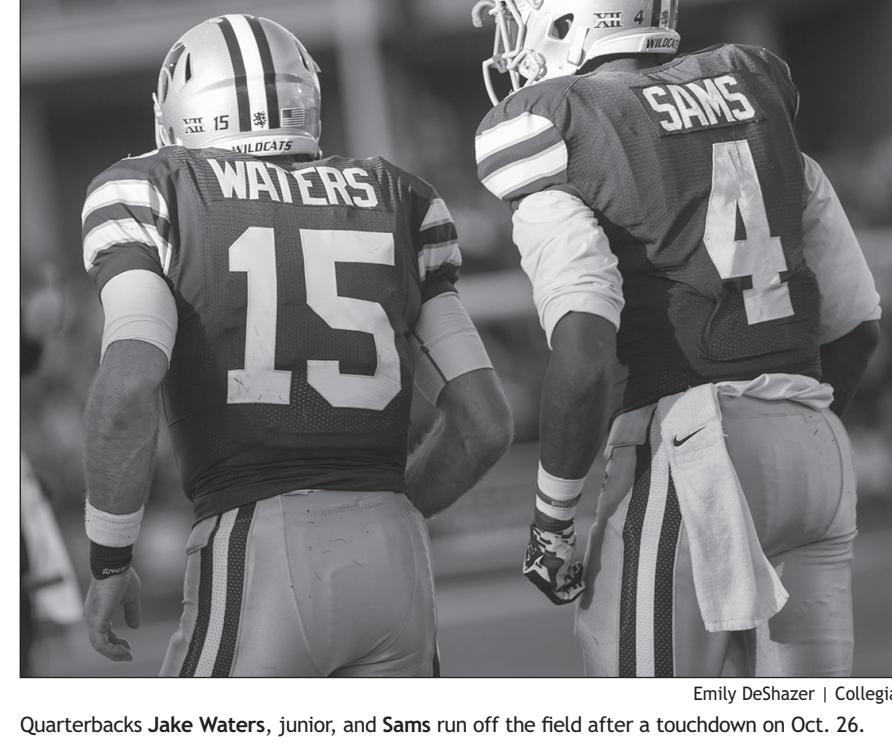
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# Comparing Positions: K-State has edge in wide receivers; Cyclones in linebackers



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Junior wide receiver Tyler Lockett pushes away West Virginia sophomore linebacker Isaiah Bruce on Oct. 26.



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Quarterbacks Jake Waters, junior, and Sams run off the field after a touchdown on Oct. 26.

**Adam Suderman**  
staff writer

## WR Quenton Bundrage vs. WR Tyler Lockett

Bundrage is the Cyclones big-play threat at wide receiver. The redshirt sophomore leads the unit with 29 catches for 441 yards and six touchdowns. His most notable play came earlier this season when redshirt sophomore quarterback Sam B. Richardson found him for a 97-yard touchdown catch against Texas.

He also added three touchdowns on a 7-catch, 146-yard performance against Iowa. When given time to throw, Cyclone quarterbacks Richardson and redshirt freshman Grant Rohach turn to Bundrage early and often.

Against West Virginia last Saturday, Lockett showed just how valuable he is in the K-State offense. The All-American junior tallied eight catches for 111 yards along with three touchdowns. After a massive performance in which he caught 13 passes

for 234 yards against Texas, he suffered an injured hamstring against Oklahoma State. He missed roughly a game and a half, but still holds a sizable advantage in team receiving yards with 586 yards for the season. Lockett's explosiveness is evident in the return game, but he has shown incredible awareness in adding yards after the catch.

Edge: Lockett. No matter which K-State quarterback takes the field on Saturday, Lockett will be looked to in either situation.

Throughout his entire K-State career, the Tulsa, Okla. native has put up incredible numbers in both receiving and return yardage. Look for his number to be called several times against the Cyclones.

## LB Jeremiah George vs. LB Blake Slaughter

The Cyclones have a remarkable ability at producing skilled linebackers. They lost two all-conference linebackers in A.J. Klein and Jake Knott, but senior George

has done more than hold up his end of the bargain. The three-year letter winner was named to the Preseason Butkus Award Watch List. He also tallied a career-high 18 tackles in their lopsided loss against Baylor on Oct. 19. He not only leads his team and the Big 12 in tackles, but also ranks fourth nationally with his 11.5 average.

Slaughter's unselfish tendencies were well demonstrated when he sat out last season despite not having any academic or health problems. How successful

the senior would be was up for debate, but he has more than answered the call. He has a team-high 61 tackles and is second in tackles for loss with five. Along with junior Jonathan Truman and senior Tre Walker, the trio has held its ground in the middle of the Wildcat defense. If the Wildcats are to end the season on a positive note, Slaughter will need to be right in the middle of the production.

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# Big 12 Predictions: Red Raiders and Cowboys face off

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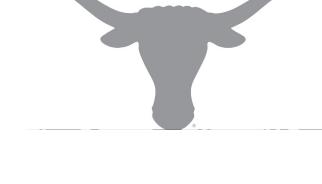
No. 15 Texas Tech Red Raiders vs  
No. 18 Oklahoma State Cowboys  
7 p.m. CDT, FOX

Oklahoma State started the season as the favorite to win the Big 12 Conference, and now, despite only suffering one loss this season, there seems to be doubt surrounding the Cowboys. Head coach Mike Gundy switched to sophomore quarterback JW. Walsh midway through the Cowboys' first game but he has seen recent struggles. With the quarterback battle between Walsh and senior Clint Chelf, the Cowboys offense has not looked as explosive as it was expected to

going into the season.

On the opposite end, the Texas Tech Red Raiders weren't expected to do much this season under new head coach Kliff Kingsbury. Last weekend, the Red Raiders were a top 10 team and despite a road loss to Oklahoma, they have impressed. The Raiders have been the biggest surprise of the season and Lubbock, Texas is a tough place for anyone to play. Freshman quarterback Davi Webb continues to improve week in and week out, and he will be the reason that the Red Raiders continue their success.

Prediction: Texas Tech 44, Oklahoma State 41.



Kansas Jayhawks vs Texas Longhorns  
2:30 p.m. CDT, Longhorn Network

The Texas Longhorns struggled during their non-conference schedule entering Big 12 play with a 1-2 record, but they didn't panic and instead find themselves currently first in Big 12 play on a four game winning streak. With impressive wins over K-State, Oklahoma and TCU, the Longhorns have arguably been the best team in the Big 12 during conference play. The early surprise for Texas has been the play of quarterback Case McCoy. McCoy has struggled to make the most of his opportunities throughout the early part of his career. Now, as a senior, McCoy, who took over for injured junior quarterback David Ash, has been a key factor in the Longhorns success.

There aren't many positives to point out about the Kansas Jayhawks past the halfway point of the season. Kansas has continued to struggle and have yet to win a Big 12 game. The difference has been the Jayhawks being unable to string together four quarters of good football. In their early games against nationally ranked Texas Tech and Oklahoma, the Jayhawks found a way to take a double digit lead in both games.

Last season, the Jayhawks were 12 seconds away from defeating the Longhorns and claiming their first Big 12 win in two seasons. Kansas could not seal the deal and that Big 12 winless streak

has carried over into this season. The Jayhawks have not won a road game in the Big 12 since 2008, and there is no reason to believe that they will upset the Longhorns.



2:30 p.m. CDT, ESPNU/WatchESPN

Both the West Virginia Mountaineers and the TCU Horned Frogs struggled in their first seasons in the Big 12. As for their second seasons, both teams find themselves deadlocked at 3-5 overall and 1-4 in conference play.

The Mountaineers' lone win came over Oklahoma State which could be considered head coach Dana Holgorsen's biggest win as a member of the Big 12. With a defense that looks to have improved from last season, West Virginia has managed to stay in games late against both Oklahoma and Texas Tech. But after their recent loss to K-State 35-12, the Mountaineers still look to be a different team on the road.

There was no question entering the season that TCU's defense had talent. With preseason Big 12 defensive player of the year sophomore Devonte Fields anchoring the defense, the Horned Frogs' defense looked primed to compete in the Big 12. Yet with senior quarterback Casey Pachall breaking his forearm early in the year, their offense took a setback.

Both teams have struggled offensively this year, but the turning point could come down to something as simple as home-field advantage. West Virginia has not been good on the road, and that will ultimately be the deciding factor on Saturday.

Prediction: TCU Horned Frogs 27, West Virginia 19

## COMPARING | K-State quarterback duo has edge over Iowa State system

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### Rohach

Edge: George. The Cyclones co-captain has been a dominant force. Even though they've struggled to find wins, George continues to plow through Big 12 offenses. If the Cyclones are to pull the upset, he'll need to be a wrecking ball within the Wildcat backfield.

QB Daniel Sams/Jake Waters  
vs. QB Sam B. Richardson/Grant

Similar to K-State, the Cyclones have found themselves in a dual-quarterback system this season. Rohach is new to the program, but Richardson isn't a stranger to a quarterback competition. He competed for the starting position against former Iowa State quarterback Jared Barnett. Richardson was given the reins to start the season, but the offensive production was far from ideal. Rohach, who saw his greatest production against

Oklahoma State with 97 passing yards, got his first game action against Baylor two weeks ago. For two consecutive games, they've both seen game action. Richardson is labeled as the starter, but it wouldn't be a surprise to see both play on Saturday.

Sams and Waters have had their fair share of ups and downs this season. They've each been asked to contribute in difficult circumstances, but it hasn't come close to killing their competitive

instincts. They've each put forward good production in a number of games, but turnovers have been a thorn in their sides. In back-to-back games, they've each had great success in their strongest skills. Sams gashed Baylor's defense on the ground, while Waters wasn't able to find holes in the Baylor secondary. Sams' was thwarted by West Virginia's rush defense, but Waters put together one of his best passing performances. How the playing time will be divided

against Iowa State remains to be seen, but it's crucial they continue to build their skill sets in the two-quarterback system.

Edge: Sams/Waters. In the passing game, it's clear that Waters has a fantastic ability to fit the ball in very tight gaps. On the other hand, Sams' ability in the open field is nothing short of spectacular. It appears the Wildcat signal callers have embraced the two-quarterback system.

## ANALYZE | K-State's rushing ability could be major advantage over Iowa State



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Iowa State quarterback Sam Richardson scans the defense during a game against Northern Iowa. Richardson has been one of the few bright spots for the Cyclones offense in 2013.

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this season as well as 14 catches for 108 yards and a touchdown on offense.

The impact player for this Iowa State offense has been wide receiver Quenton Bundrage who leads the team in receptions, yards and touch-

down receptions. The talented sophomore has already pulled in 29 catches for 441 yards and six touchdowns. His signature play came against Texas when he had a 97-yard touchdown reception. Whether it's senior defensive back Kip Daily or Dorrian Roberts who is asked to cover Bundrage on Saturday,

day, it will be no easy task.

Similar to K-State, the Cyclones have already played some of the toughest teams in the Big 12 so far this season. 15-2 is the record of the combined teams that the Cyclones have faced this season, with their most recent loss coming against Oklahoma State. One

area that the Cowboys found success in against Iowa State last week was the run game. Last weekend, the Cyclones allowed Oklahoma State to run for 342 total yards and five touchdowns. With the Wildcats' options of either sophomore quarterback Daniel Sams, senior running back

John Hubert or even Waters running the ball, Iowa State will have to shore up that rush defense if they plan to have success against the Wildcats.

One element that always plays a factor when these two teams meet is their similar playing styles. K-State junior center BJ Finney said that

both teams are similar in that they are both hard nosed, physical football teams. It has not been easy for the Wildcats to get a win against the Cyclones, even at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. In the past two games in Manhattan, the Wildcats have won by an average of 7.5 points.

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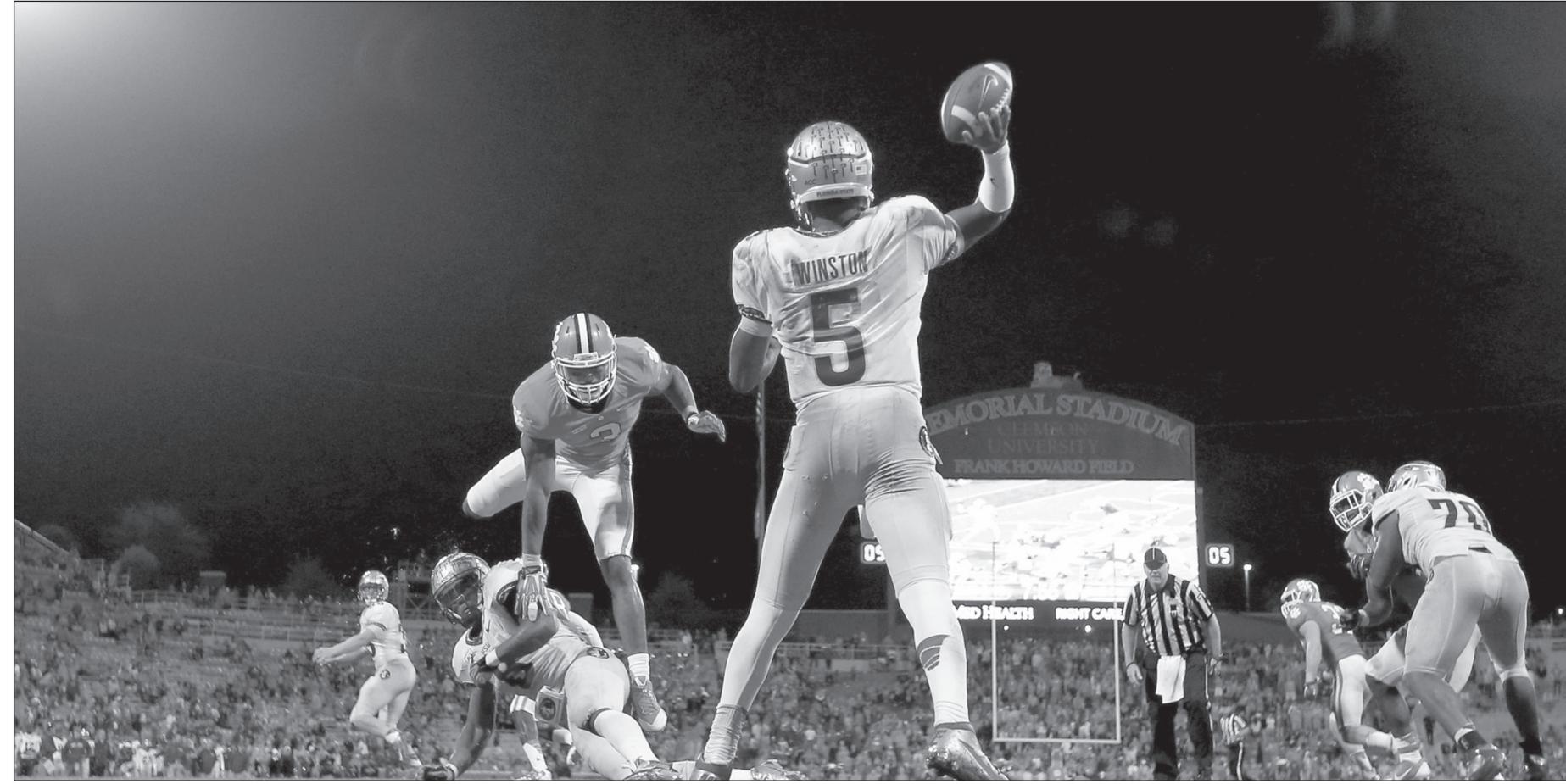
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# Heisman Watch: Famous Jameis out in front



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Freshman quarterback Jameis Winston (#5) of the Florida State Seminoles, this week's Heisman frontrunner, throws a pass as junior defensive end Vic Beasley (#3) of the Clemson Tigers tries to stop him during their game at Memorial Stadium on Oct. 19 in Clemson, South Carolina.



Corbin McGuire

**Week nine of college football, unlike the week before it, came and went without much change in the Heisman race. The players on the rise continued to ascend, leaving those with disappointing losses the week before with a bigger fence to climb. Week 10 probably won't be a huge moving week either with most of the top contenders having a bye week.**

**1. Jameis Winston (QB, Florida State)** — In close to one half of a football game, the Seminoles' 49-17 rout of North Carolina State, Winston threw for 292 yards and three touchdowns, completing 16-

of-26 pass attempts. It was just the latest dazzling performance from the freshman who has the No. 3 Seminoles looking at an undefeated season and possibly a BCS National Championship bid. The list of threats to Winston's Heisman run, and his team's undefeated record, is getting shorter. And the teams who do appear as possible threats will need an off game from the Seminoles to pull an upset. Winston will get his first real taste of the in-state rivalry with No. 7 Miami at home this weekend. The Hurricanes, despite also being undefeated, have struggled lately. North Carolina and Wake Forest, a combined 6-9 record, both stayed within a touchdown of the Hurricanes in close losses. I expect Stephen Morris, the Hurricanes senior quarterback, to struggle and turn the ball over against the Seminoles stout secondary, allowing Winston plenty of chances to challenge the untested Hurricane defense.

**2. Marcus Mariota (QB, Oregon)** — Just when it looked

like a team would challenge the Ducks at home — they were tied with UCLA at 14 at halftime — Mariota and the Ducks did what they normally do: blow teams out. The Ducks scored 28 unanswered points in the second half. The sophomore quarterback completed 21-of-28 pass attempts for 230 yards and one touchdown to ease by the No. 12 Bruins. Now the Ducks get a week off to prepare for a Thursday night, revenge-driven game against No. 5 Stanford. The Cardinals spoiled the Ducks' undefeated record a season ago, holding the Mariota-led squad to just 14 points, by far the fewest points the Ducks scored all season. In that game, the Ducks had the ball for only 22 minutes and were 4-of-19 on third and fourth down. Unfortunately for the Ducks, the Cardinals — coming off a 20-12 win against Oregon State — also get a bye week to prepare for the high-powered offense they tripped up a season ago. Not to mention the game is in Stanford, Calif., making the stage that much bigger and more difficult

for Mariota.

**3. Bryce Petty (QB, Baylor)**

— Petty proved the Bears' prolific offense could perform outside the confines of Waco, Texas, albeit against a faltering KU team in Lawrence. The junior completed 20 of his 32 pass attempts for 430 yards and three touchdowns en route to a 59-14 win against the Jayhawks. Pure statistics are on Petty's side of the Heisman debate. He is No. 4 in the NCAA in passing yards per game (350.4), No. 1 in pass yards per completion (20.11, 3 yards better than Jameis Winston), No. 1 in passing efficiency (219) and No. 5 in total offense (360.9). The Bears also have a bye week this Saturday, which they will use to prepare for No. 10 Oklahoma, their first in a string of tough opponents — No. 15 Texas Tech and No. 18 Oklahoma State follow the Bears' game with the Sooners.

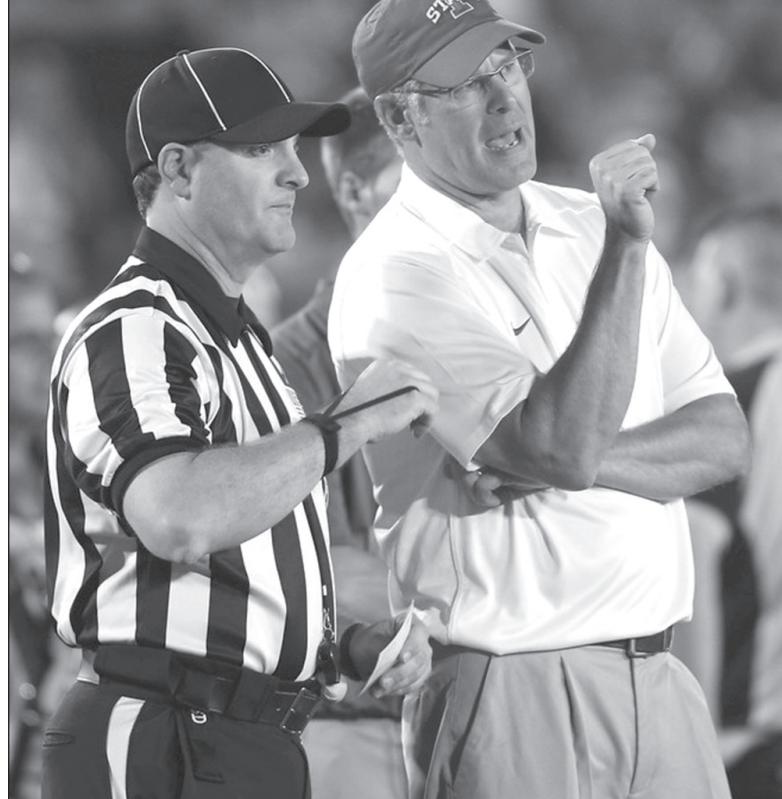
**4. A.J. McCarron (QB, Alabama)** — McCarron continued to be efficient in a 45-10 win against Tennessee. The senior went

19-for-27 for 275 yards and two touchdowns against the Volunteers, and the Tide continues to cruise through the SEC. Also on a bye week Saturday, the top-ranked Tide will prepare for the first of their two true remaining tests against No. 13 LSU Nov. 9 and a regular season finale against the rising No. 11 Auburn Tigers on the road.

**5. Johnny Manziel (QB, Texas A&M)** — Even with a banged-up shoulder, Manziel cooled off a Vanderbilt team fresh off upsetting Georgia. The sophomore aired it out for 305 yards, completing 25-of-35 pass attempts including four touchdowns. With two buffer games against UTEP and Mississippi State the next two weeks, the sophomore's final opportunities to impress Heisman voters will come in road games against No. 13 LSU and No. 9 Missouri.

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## At season's end, Iowa State should cut ties with HC Paul Rhoads



Sean Frye

Iowa State Cyclones head coach Paul Rhoads is popular in Ames, Iowa. He's brought the program some huge signature wins since his arrival in 2009. Most notably, the Cyclones ended then-No. 2 Oklahoma State's dreams of a national title berth with a 37-31 upset win in Jack Trice Stadium that sent students storming onto the field.

But the fact of the matter is that Rhoads, while he has a

knack for winning some big games, hasn't brought consistent success to Iowa State. And it's time the athletic department there began the process of his termination if the Cyclones ever want to see sustained winning.

Including his 1-6 record this season, Rhoads is just 25-33 overall,

good for a .431 winning percentage.

But where Rhoads' record gets far

worse is in Big 12 conference play.

He's never won more than three conference games in one season while at Ames and is just 12-26 overall

in league competition, a lowly .316

winning percentage.

Only the Kansas Jayhawks and West Virginia Mountaineers have lost a higher percentage of conference games in that timeframe.

And the Mountaineers have only been in the conference for a season-and-a-half.

The other hard truth that fans in Ames seem to not understand is that nobody has any respect for the Cyclones football team.

The Cyclones were 30 points behind eighth-place

West Virginia in the Big 12 preseas

on poll and only placed one player

on the All-Big 12 preseason team.

Ironically enough, that one player was their punter, senior Kirby Van Der Kamp.

Where Rhoads hangs his legacy is on his ability to get Iowa State to

the postseason. In four seasons, the coach has brought the Cyclones to a bowl game three times. But after winning the Insight Bowl in his first season, Rhoads has gone 0-2 in the postseason since. Should the Cyclones lose one more game in 2013, they will not make the postseason this year and for the second time in four seasons.

Where Iowa State made its mistake was signing Rhoads to a 10-year extension in 2011 worth \$20 million. That makes it much harder to unload the coach. So simply due to financial reasons, Iowa State is likely stuck with Rhoads for the foreseeable future.

Rhoads is simply not a good head coach. He has had plenty of time to implement his own system in Ames but instead is facing his worst season yet at Iowa State. And that's especially disconcerting considering this year's team is mostly all players that Rhoads recruited.

It's time for Iowa State to try and find a way to terminate Rhoads and go in a new direction, because clearly the Cyclones are going downwards, which is never the direction a program should be going.

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